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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

ARA/ APU FOR ROUSH

BUENOS AIRES FOR BNDD

1. MOST IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN RECENT WEEKS HAVE BEEN CATCH- ALL OPERATION (PICARIELLO AND TODINO) AND RETURN OF DEFENDANT RODRIGUEZ TO U. S.

2. ON MAY 1 NATIONAL POLICE BY INTERNAL ORDER FORMALLY CREATED SPECIALIZED UNIT FOR NARCOTICS. THIS " BRIGADE FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF TRAFFICKING AND COMMERCIALIZATION OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS" IS GRANTED NATIONAL JURISDICTION AND IS PLACED UNDER THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION OF INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE (DNII). COMMENT: THIS UNIT HAS BEEN EFFECTIVELY WORKING WITHOUT FORMAL ORDERS SINCE OCTOBER 1972. FORMAL RECOGNITION OF THE UNIT SHOULD IMPROVE OPERATIONS AND FACILITATE PSD PROGRAMS.

3. ASIDE FROM OPERATIONS MENTIONED PARAGRAPH 1 THERE WAS NO NOTEWORTHY ARRESTS OR SEIZURES OF NARCOTICS DURING APRIL.

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4. BECAUSE OF ERRO CASE, THE LEGISLATURE HAS NOT ACTED ON THE

ADMINISTRATION' S NARCOTICS BILL (A-55). UNTIL NEW NARCOTICS
LEGISLATION IS ENACTED DEFINING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE POLICE,
CUSTOMS SERVICE AND MARITIME POLICE, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
PROCEED WITH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR THE LATTER TWO SERVICES.
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